(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to raise the prize money for law books written in Hindi to encourage the writing of law books in Hindi;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the manner in which Government propose to encourage the writing of law books in Hindi in the Country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) (b) and (c) With a view to encouraging the writing of law books in Hindi and other languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, first prizes of Rs. 10000, second prizes of Rs. 5000, third prizes of Rs. 3000 and consolation prizes of Rs. 2000 are awarded as incentive for best law books written & published in these languages.

(c) and (d) The prize money is reviewed from time to time.

Use of Hindi in Supreme Court and High Courts

4054. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the official Languages wing of the Legislative Department of the Government is regularly publishing authoritative texts of all the Acts of Parliament in Hindi Language;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether in view of the availability of authorised text of Acts of Parliament in Hindi version Government propose to make the use of Hindi language in Devanagri script compulsory in the Supreme Court and High Courts of Hindi Speaking States in the country by suitably amending the constitution of India?

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the manner in which Government propose to promote the use of Hindi Language in the Supreme Court and High Courts in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir, except in respect of certain categories of Acts of a temporary nature like Appropriation Acts;

(b) As of 31st July, 1992, a total of 1504 Acts of Parliament have been published in Hindi.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.

(d) and (e) The Supreme Court of India has informed that its full court has taken a decision that for the time being it is not practicable to authorise the use of Hindi in its proceedings. As regards High Courts, under article 348 (2), the Governor of a State may with previous consent of the President, authorise the use of Hindi language or any other language used for any official purposes of the State in the proceedings in the High Court having its principal seat in that State. Similar provisions also exist under section 7 of the Official Languages Act, 1963 as regards judgement, decree or order passed or made by the High Courts. So far, the Governors of four States namely Bihar, M. P., Rajasthan and U. P. have authorised the use of Hindi in addition to the English language in the proceedings as well as judgements and dicrees of the High Courts in their respective States.

Registered Companies

4055. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies registered in the year 1991-92;

(b) the number of those which had foreign collaborations; and